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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim [[1]] 21, wherein the

holes are selectively connected to a negative pressure source.

3. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim [[1]] 21, wherein the

holes are selectively connected to a positive pressure source.

4. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim [[1]] 21, wherein

several holes are connected together by the at least one peripheral annular groove

formed in the surface of the molding face of the full-face mold.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim [[5]] 4, wherein the at

<u>least one peripheral annular</u> groove is arranged approximately 5-20 mm from the outer

edge of the glass sheet and disposed on the face of the full-face mold.

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7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim [[7]] 6, wherein the depth and width of the grooves at least one peripheral annular groove are both in the range of 4-6 mm respectively.

9. (Currently amended) The press bending station of claim 8, wherein additional flow channels and through-holes are provided in the molding face of the full-face mold inside the area enclosed by the holes at least one peripheral annular groove.

10. (Original) The press bending station of claim 9, wherein the bending tools are each covered by at least one air-permeable cloth.

11. (Original) The press bending station of claim 10, wherein the permeable cloth is chosen from a group of materials including stainless steel, fiber glass, poly paraphenyleneterephthalamide fibers, polybenzoxazole, graphite fibers, or blended weaves thereof.

12. (Original) The press bending station of claim 10, wherein the molding face of the full-face mold is covered by two or more cloths lying one upon the other, whereby the cloth facing the glass sheet has a finer structure than the cloth lying next to the molding face of the full-face mold.

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- 13. (Original) The press bending station of claim 10, wherein the molding face of the full-face mold is covered by only one cloth.
- 14. (Original) The press bending station of claim 13, wherein the structure and the thickness of the cloth facing the glass sheet is adapted to the size of any impurity particles.
- 15. (Original) The press bending station of claim 14, wherein the full-face mold is chosen from the group consisting of ceramic, aluminum, stainless steel, compositions that include fused silicas, or combinations thereof.
- 16. (Original) The press bending station of claim 10, wherein the bending tools can be heated electrically, with hot oil, air, or other fluids.
 - 17. (Canceled)
 - 18. (Canceled)
- 19. (Currently amended) A press bending station having two opposing molds, the first mold having a major surface with at least one peripheral annular groove thereon, at least one hole defined therein, the hole being disposed in fluid communication with the at least one peripheral annular groove and selectively

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connected to a negative pressure source for holding material to the surface, thus allowing the material to be shaped into a part when the molds are urged together.

- 20. (Original) The mold of claim 18, wherein the hole is selectively connected to a positive pressure source for releasing the material from the surface.
 - 21. (New) A press bending station for the bending of glass sheets, comprising:

 a full-face mold having a mold face, the mold face having at least one
 peripheral annular groove formed in the surface thereof, the at least one peripheral
 annular groove having a plurality of holes located therein; and
 an annular mold;

wherein, the at least one peripheral annular groove is formed in a peripheral area that corresponds to the molding contact area where a glass sheet is pressed between the full-face mold and the annular mold.